

BIG CHANGES MADE IN U.S. ARM STAFF FOR MEXICAN DUTY

New Department of Mexico is Created, Headed By Gen. Pershing—Changes Made at Funston's Recommendation For Better Results in Operations—Ten Thousand Militiamen Start For Border This Week.

Washington, July 3—A division of authority among military commanders along the Mexican border was announced today by the war department, reduces the jurisdiction of the southern department commanded by Major General Funston, to the Texas line from the coast to El Paso; creates a new department of Mexico, commanded by Brigadier General Pershing; and adds the Arizona border to the western department under Major General Benn.

The division of authority along the Mexican border was recommended to the war department two weeks ago by General Funston. He suggested to the department that if general field operations in Mexico were undertaken greater efficiency would be displayed by the American army if three major generals were placed in command.

General Funston is junior to all the other departmental commanders, who rank in the following order: Major General Leonard Wood, eastern; Major General J. Franklin Bell, western; and Major General Thomas H. Barry, central.

General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, is next to General Funston, General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff, follows him, and General George W. Goethals is last on the list of seven major generals.

Guardsmen at Border. Now Nearly 30,000

Washington, July 3—At least 30,000 guardsmen probably will be on duty on the Mexican border within the next two or three days. Promptly on arrival, each regiment of infantry or cavalry will be furnished with automatic machine guns, 350 of a new type of which were ordered recently for immediate delivery. As an experiment, the guns will be carried on automobiles instead of on the backs of pack mules and five chauffeurs will be required in each regiment to operate the cars.

Officials today were only mildly interested in reports of a bandit chase into Mexico territory by two troops of the Eighth Cavalry under Captain Lorrey Ellings. The party spent yesterday in a vain search south of the Rio Grande for eight bandits who drove off eight horses from a ranch 54 miles south of El Paso and last night the troops were back on the American side without having seen either the horses or the Carranza troops.

Still no indication concerning Carranza's reply to the American note demanding that he state his intentions toward General Pershing's forces.

Ten Thousand More Troops to Start Soon

New York, July 3—While Major General Leonard Wood says that the movement of militia from the department of the east toward the Mexican border has passed its climax, he estimates that 10,000 more troops will leave their homes mobilization camps during the present week.

Nine states out of 22 under General Wood's command have sent National Guard units southward. Massachusetts and New Jersey have dispatched the larger proportion of their available men. New Jersey, in proportion to the size of its state guard, holds honors in this respect, for only 307 militiamen from that state were left in mobilization camps while 4,056 are on their way to the border.

Among the commands under orders to entrain today is Squadron A, of New York, of which probably numbers more wealthy men than any other militia organization of equal size in service.

Figures issued at General Wood's headquarters show that 5,437 militiamen have been sent forward from Massachusetts; 1,029 from Maine; 88 from Vermont; 181 from Rhode Island; 2,221 from Connecticut; none from New Hampshire and 5,642 from New York.

In Massachusetts, 1,789 troops are now at concentration camps; 438 in Maine; 309 in Vermont; 432 in Rhode Island; 1,621 in Connecticut; 1,399 in New Hampshire; 11,000 in New York.

MILITIAMEN CROSS BORDER BY MISTAKE

Nogales, Ariz., July 3—Squads of Colorado national guardsmen who had unwittingly crossed the border into Mexico and gone more than a block into the Sonora town, were escorted to the line by a Mexican patrol early today. Military authorities here have experienced some difficulty since the arrival of the militiamen in making them understand that only a street marks the boundary line between the two nations here and in keeping them from crossing to the Mexican side.

Winsted Guardsmen Start 90-Mile Hike

Winsted, July 3—Through an avenue of red, white and blue with a string of humanity, while whistles of all factories here tooted, Company M, First Infantry, started on its hike to (Continued on Page 3)

HETTY GREEN, 82 YEARS OLD, DIES AT HOME IN N. Y.

Striking Figure in Finances of World Succumbs After Paralytic Shocks.

HER YEARLY INCOME SAID TO BE MILLIONS

Eccentricities, Coupled With Huge Fortune, Made Her Famous World Over.

New York, July 3.—Mrs. Hetty Green, known as the world's wealthiest woman, who was 82 years old, died here today. She had suffered three strokes of paralysis during the past two months, and for several weeks had been virtually helpless.

Her death occurred at 8:05 o'clock at the home of her son, Col. Edward H. R. Green, at No. 7, on the corner of Central Park West, where Mrs. Green had lived lately in seclusion, except for her son and several Japanese servants and trained nurses.

For several weeks past Mrs. Green had been unable to walk and had spent nearly all of her time in a wheel chair. Her son, Col. Green, and his daughter, Mrs. Matthews Astor Wilks, who were the only children, had been with her much of the time and it was recently reported that Mrs. Green had turned over all of her financial affairs to her son's charge.

Hetty Green was the world's most remarkable mistress of finance. The fortune she has left is close to \$100,000,000. The richest woman in America, she lived almost as frugally as a shop girl. Her home was never open to the public, and she never gave a party. Her little black cape and bonnet, often in the hall bedroom of some cheap boarding house, or in some remote and modest flat around New York.

Her eccentric extremes of economy led to a popular misconception of her as a "self-made woman." As a matter of fact she was born rich. In 1855 she inherited some \$10,000,000, which accumulated upon itself until in 50 years it had multiplied nearly ten times. She also inherited family traditions which had been a pride for three centuries, and which she was anxious to perpetuate in her children.

She was born at New Bedford, Mass., in November, 1834, about the 20th, according to her testimony one time in court. This old maritime city was founded by her ancestor, John Howland, a Puritan who came over on the Mayflower and who named the place after Bedford, his family home in England. In succeeding generations the Howland family became famous in the whaling industry and shipping trade with China, and had an irreproachable social standing. Edward Mott Robinson, who had also amassed a fortune in a similar way in New Bedford, married Abby Howland, of whom Hetty Robinson, the future mistress of finance, was born. She was sent to a Quaker school on Cape Cod, and to a seminary in Boston, and got her first lessons in finance when her ageing father entrusted her with some of his books.

She was just 30 years old when her father died suddenly, leaving her his nine millions, one million outright and the income from the other eight, the principal to be held in trust for her children. It is forgotten that Hetty Green, then Robinson, was a belle in New York society. According to her own stories she "often danced the whole night through." Even then, however, she lived in a boarding house and was so saving that rather than pay carfare, she would pull a pair of heavy woolen shoes.

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WM. J. GRIPPIN TO QUIT B. M. I. WORKS POSITION

Resigns as General Manager of Plant—W. E. Eccles His Successor.

William J. Grippin, treasurer of the Eastern Malleable Iron Co., and general manager of the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Works, has resigned the latter position, his resignation being effective July 1. Mr. Grippin will be succeeded by W. E. Eccles of Naugatuck, who has been one of the executive officers of the company in the branch which the Eastern Malleable Iron Co. maintains there.

Mr. Grippin's resignation will enable him to give more time to his duties as treasurer of the larger concern and his other interests. He is a director in the First-Bridgeport National bank. Mr. Eccles, who succeeds him, is said to be an expert in the production in which his concern excels.

FIRE BELLS WILL WARN IF WEATHER SPOILS FIREWORKS

Fire bells will be sounded tomorrow evening if weather causes a postponement of the fireworks display, scheduled for tomorrow evening.

No. 25 will be sounded, if weather interferes with the celebration.

Two bands will give concerts at Seaside park, one at each entrance. They will alternate in playing. The parade will begin at 9:29 a. m. The fireworks display will begin at 8:30 p. m.

Fourth of July Events

Civic Celebration. 9:29 Parade starts Main street and North avenue; noon, National salute—48 guns and flag ceremony, Seaside park; patriotic address, Soldiers and Sailors' monument, battalion drill, Coast Artillery companies; 2:30, athletic events, Seaside park; 3:00, folk dancing and flag drill, Marina park; 8:30 fireworks and band concert, Seaside park. 9 o'clock—All yacht clubs open houses for guests. 10—Baseball, Newfield park, Bridgeport vs. Hartford. 11—First boat for Pleasure Beach. 1:30—Excursion to Port Jefferson, Steamer Park City. 8—Illumination of warship and city streets. 8:30—Entertainment for officers of U. S. S. Fanning and U. S. S. Dubuque at Black Rock Yacht club, Brooklawn, University and Algonquin clubs.

U. S. S. DUBUQUE ARRIVES TO AID BIG CELEBRATION

Gunboat, Sent By Navy Department, Greeted By Special Committee.

TWELVE THOUSAND EXPECT TO MARCH

Spirit of Holiday Prevails Through Business District of City.

The gunboat Dubuque, expected to join the torpedoboard Fanning in celebrating American Day in this city tomorrow, arrived at 2 o'clock today. The entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of James L. McGovern, chairman; Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, Lieutenant-Commander E. H. Robinson, ex-Mayor Henry Lee Judge, Carl Foster, A. L. Riker, Lieut. Staley, naval inspector, and Harbor Master William A. Lamond, went down the harbor to greet the officers and extend the hospitality of the city to both officers and men.

All preparations for the parade are completed, according to Chairman Albert E. Lavery, of the general committee. A few minor details will be cared for tonight by the division commanders who will meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. It is estimated that 12,000 will march tomorrow, each individual in the big parade carrying an American flag. The ranks will present an imposing array of color.

The program of the exercises at Soldiers' Monument to begin promptly at noon, follows: Chorus, "Star Spangled Banner," led by Manufacturers' chorus and accompanied by combined bands. Prayer by Rev. George M. Brown. Introduction and prefatory remarks by George E. Crawford, president of Chamber of Commerce. Speech by Mayor Clifford B. Wilson. American Day address by Hamilton Holt, of New York city. Grand chorus by multitude, "America."

Merchants today responded to the appeal for decorations. Even the smaller stores throughout the city were gallily trimmed in the red, white and blue. The spirit of holiday prevailed throughout the entire residential and business sections today.

The program of tomorrow's activities begins at 8:30 when the parade will be formed at Bull's head on Main street. From 9:30 until 12, the columns will be marching in Main street, State street to Park avenue, and from State to Seaside park on Park avenue.

Patriotic addresses will begin at 12:15 at the Soldiers' monument. The Coast artillery drill will follow closely on the oratorical exercises. At 2:30, athletic events will be begun on the oval at Seaside park. Then will come folk dancing of many nationalities at 3 o'clock, which will include the great sword by the Syrians under direction of Joseph Saleh.

At 5 o'clock illumination of warships and city streets will be featured. The great fireworks display and band concert under direction of the park department will begin at 8:30. Special police protection will be afforded at the park during the day and evening. Trains will be routed through Myrtle avenue, but not allowed in the park. Automobiles will be compelled to travel in prescribed directions. Hospital tents and ambulances will be at the park.

Special attractions for visitors are being arranged at the theatres, amusement parks and other places in the city. Police theatre has issued invitations to United States sailors to witness performance of the Fourth of July at request of the entertainment committee.

Policemen detailed by Supt. Redgate to march in the parade will meet at headquarters at 8:45. Capt. Charles H. Suckley will be in charge of the policemen and the day exercises at the park. Capt. John H. Rogers will be in charge of the night exercises. Lieut. Charles A. Wheeler will have charge of all traffic leading to the park. Policemen Richard Larkin and James Farnam will have charge of a tent, which will be erected for the police near the park cottage. A telephone will be installed so that lost children may be reported and searched for.

NO FARMER JULY 4

In accordance with custom, there will be no issue of The Farmer tomorrow, Independence Day.

MRS. M. J. DARGAN DEAD; INFECTION OF MILK BLAMED

Victim Had Been Caring For Daughter Stricken With Same Malady.

OFFICIALS INSPECT BEAVER BROOK FARM

State and County Health Investigators Busy at Milford.

Victim of the Streptococcal infection that has struck fear into the hearts of Bridgeporters, Mrs. Mary J. Dargan, widow of Joseph Dargan, of 86 Washington avenue, died this morning.

Mrs. Dargan has acted as nurse for her daughter, Miss Anne Dargan, stenographer of the health department, who was suffering from septic sore throat. She made herself a martyr to perform an act of mercy.

Mrs. Dargan died at 3 o'clock this morning, after an illness of little more than a week. Her daughter had passed the critical stage when Mrs. Dargan was stricken.

Inquiry has again shown a coincidence, in that both mother and daughter drank milk from the Beaver Brook farm. Dr. W. H. Curley gave "acute tonsillitis" in the death certificate, as the cause.

The coincidence that the late Harry A. McElroy and his daughter, Lorene, were fond of milk, and both had drunk much of it shortly before stricken fatally, has been noted. Physicians believe their deaths are traceable to streptococcal infection.

The many death certificates that bear "lobar pneumonia" as the cause of death and circumstances in connection with the deaths cause physicians to believe that the streptococcal disease germ claims many of its victims through pneumonia.

With few new cases being reported to the health department the great number of sufferers from sore throat about the city is being given the closest attention. Dr. E. J. Lavery, is still being made to sound the depths from which the infection started.

Up to the present time the state, county and city boards of health have been unable to definitely locate the cause of initial infection. The Beaver Brook farm owners have issued a statement based upon reports of widely known milk experts declaring that their milk is pure.

Their most emphatic assertion that they have not purchased milk for sale in any large city and that the utmost care has been used in handling and distribution. Declaration is made that no state or city health department has found inflammation or infection in the herd.

In the hope of definitely concluding what may have been the cause of infection and whether this milk is to be again permitted in Bridgeport, Dr. E. T. Black, secretary of the state board of health, Dr. E. A. McEllan, city health officer, and Attorney George E. Hill, county health officer, met today at Milford, where another inspection of premises and cows is being made at Beaver Brook Farm.

In some quarters a theory has persistently been advanced that while the cows in this herd may not have been affected, flies may have carried germs into the milk house. This is borne out in recommendations of the state board of health last week that screens be placed on the milk-houses to prevent the access of flies and that all bottles be sterilized in a prescribed manner.

Greater apprehension is caused in medical circles today because of the fact that the source of disease has not been ascertained, than by the epidemic itself. For this reason health officers will make the closest examination today and in the future.

HOLIDAY CROWDS TAXING RAILROAD FACILITIES HERE

Record Number of Passengers and Shortage of Cars Offer Problem.

The New Haven road is reported to have experienced locally the greatest passenger day in its history last Saturday. Bridgeport alone is estimated to have passed 20,000 passengers through the station here, travelling in all points, but principally westward.

Despite a shortage of nearly 300 cars now in use by the United States government in transporting troops to Mexico, the big crowds were handled quickly and without loss of time. Officials of the company anticipating the rush and preparing for it under difficulties secured almost perfect co-operation of employees in all branches of the service and trains were but a few minutes behind schedule during the day even though the New York terminal of the New Haven road, into which the New York Central lines run was a seething mass of humanity during the day.

BRITISH CONTINUE BIG DRIVE; FRENCH BREAK FOES' LINE

Hand-to-Hand Fighting Marks Terrific Onslaught of Allied Armies Against German Trenches Along the Somme—British Make Further Gains, While French Troops Capture Five Miles of Trenches.

British Headquarters in France, July 3—Further advance has been made by the British forces to the east of the Ancre river. To the north of the town of Fricourt, the British have pushed forward and have gained ground at a higher level.

"Situation Promising," Says London

London, July 3—British forces north of Fricourt have pushed forward to higher ground, says a Reuter despatch from the front today.

The situation here is promising, the correspondent wires.

Germans Admit Repulses

Berlin, July 3—The war office report of today says the continuation of the French and British drive on both sides of the Somme has not gained any advantage for the allies north of the river, but south of the Somme the Germans withdrew a division to the second line divisions.

French Take German Trenches

Paris, July 3—The French offensive south of the Somme, in conjunction with the British drive, continued last night with complete success, the war office announced today.

The French have occupied two lines of trenches of the second German position on a front of five kilometres (3 miles).

The trenches captured extend from Maricourt Wood, which is in possession of the French, as far as the edge of Assevalle. The village of Herbecourt, taken by the French, lies between the two positions. Further south the French made progress towards Assevalle and Estreux.

North of the Somme, the Germans made no attack on the positions previously taken by the French.

The French captured heavy artillery and took more prisoners. The state-messenger says 39 German battalions participated in the fighting and that 21 of these battalions sustained important losses.

During the artillery preparation preceding the inauguration of the offensive 31 German captive balloons were burned.

HAND TO HAND FIGHTING

London, July 3—News of the Anglo-French offensive came in slowly today. The authorities and the press gave warning that patience would be necessary, as the advance must be slow, owing to the nature of the fortifications erected by the Germans in the 20 months they have been in possession of the territory attacked.

Places such as Montauban, Fricourt, La Boisselle, Serre and Mametz, which the British took, and like the villages further sought, captured by the French, bristled with machine guns. There are many other similar positions which must be overwhelmed if the French and British infantrymen are to continue to push forward.

The artillery, it is true, demolished most of the defense works, but the Germans remain in dugouts during bombardments and come out with machine guns to meet the attackers. Consequently, much hand-to-hand fighting occurs. Furthermore, there are counter-attacks to be repulsed.

Meanwhile, the troops on the northern end of the western front are not inactive. Off the Belgian coast, British monitors are throwing shells across the sand dunes to keep the Germans in their trenches. The Belgians, who recently took over another stretch of the front, keep up a bombardment which equals that of the British guns. What with the heavy gunfire and the raids of infantry detachments, the Germans are kept busy from one end of the line to the other and threatened attacks to every point turn them against sending reinforcements to the Somme region.

The number of prisoners, fewer than 10,000, which has thus far passed through the clearing stations, is small considering the length of the line attacked and the extent to which it has been pushed in, but this is accounted for by the fact that during a bombardment the Germans keep the bulk of their forces in their third lines, bringing them up to meet the infantry.

Like their predecessors, they received an enthusiastic welcome. Most of them are slightly wounded.

GREEK BLOCKADE RAISED

Athens, July 3—The blockade of Greece, which was instituted by the entente allies before Greece yielded to their demands for demobilization and changes in her policy, has been officially raised.

Bread riots on the Island of Mitylene were reported.

Courthouse Addition Ready Next October

It is expected that the county courthouse addition will be completed by the time the civil superior court convenes in this city next October. The exterior work is finished with the exception of the roof and work on that is progressing rapidly.

With the roof on the interior finishers will be able to proceed regardless of weather conditions. Plastering will start probably next week. A new elevator, capable of holding a large delegation of passengers, is now being installed in place of the old fashioned jaunting car which Peter Dietrich piloted for many years.

Cart Away 100 Bags of Product, Then Give Back Horse and Wagon.

Breaking into the barn and storehouse of Chaffee Brothers at Arctic and Kosuth streets Saturday night, a short while after the horse had been fed and bedded for the night, two persons took 10 one hundred pound bags of granulated sugar from the storehouse and loading it on the wagon, drove away. The horse and wagon were later returned but instead of being placed in the barn were left standing in the street.

The driver of the team finished making his deliveries about 8 o'clock and put the horse in the barn. After feeding and bedding it, he locked the barn and returned to the store at Kosuth and Maple streets.

Persons living in the vicinity saw a couple of men about the barnyard around 8:30 o'clock but paid no attention to the fact as they believed that it was the driver and a friend and that they had returned to get the horse, for a special delivery. The horse was hitched to the wagon and after a short delay was driven from the barn.

A short while later, the horse was driven up the street and left standing a few feet away from the driveway leading to the barn. One of the persons who lives nearby went to the store to make some purchases and seeing the driver there, said that the horse was standing in the street near the highway. Unable to understand that, when the horse has been placed in the barn, the driver investigated.

The animal was standing in the road and the barn door was open. The door of the storehouse had also been unlocked and 10 one hundred pound bags of sugar were missing. The police are investigating.